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Attachment Claims Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.121(c)(1)(ii)

Please amend claims 1-10 as follows:

1. (Amended) A laryngeal mask airway including a tubular portion [(1)] and a mask portion [(5)] at its patient end [(3)] having a sealing cuff [(60)] of generally oval shape defining an opening [(61)] within its [centre] center and adapted to seal with patient tissue around the laryngeal inlet, the mask portion [(5)] defining a recess [(54)] extending from the opening [(61)] to the patient end [(3)] of the tubular portion [(1)], [characterised] characterized in that the patient end [(3)] of the tubular portion [(1)] is located above and to the rear of the rear side [(62)] of the opening [(61)] such as to space it away from the epiglottis.
2. (Amended) An airway according to Claim 1, [characterised] characterized in that the patient end [(3)] of the tubular portion [(1)] is located substantially midway across the width of the rear side [(62)] of the sealing cuff [(60)].
3. (Amended) An airway according to Claim 1, characterized [or 2, characterised] in that the tubular portion is a separate tube [(1)] bonded into a collar [(51)] on the mask portion [(5)].
4. (Amended) An airway according to Claim 1, characterized [any one of the preceding claims, characterised] in that the longitudinal [centre] center line along the internal surface of the roof [(40)] of the recess [(54)] is substantially straight.
5. (Amended) An airway according to Claim 1, characterized [any one of the preceding claims, characterised] in that the height [(H)] of the recess [(54)] is between 2.5 and 3.5 the internal diameter of the tubular portion [(1)].

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6. (Amended) An airway according to Claim 1, characterized [any one of the preceding claims, characterised] in that the ratio of the internal diameter of the tubular portion [(1)] cubed to the volume of the recess [(54)] is between 50 and 68.
7. (Amended) A laryngeal mask airway including a tubular portion [(1)] and a mask portion [(5)] at its patient end [(3)] having a sealing cuff [(60)] of generally oval shape defining an opening [(61)] within its [centre] center and adapted to seal with patient tissue around the laryngeal inlet, the mask portion [(5)] defining a recess [(54)] extending from the opening [(61)] to the patient end [(3)] of the tubular portion [(1)], [characterised] characterized in that the height [(H)] of the recess [(54)] is between 2.5 and 3.5 the internal diameter of the tubular portion [(1)].
8. (Amended) An airway according to Claim 7, [characterised] characterized in that the height [(H)] of the recess [(54)] is between 2.96 and 3.27 the internal diameter of the tubular portion [(1)].
9. (Amended) A laryngeal mask airway including a tubular portion [(1)] and a mask portion [(5)] at its patient end [(3)] having a sealing cuff [(60)] of generally oval shape defining an opening [(61)] within its [centre] center and adapted to seal with patient tissue around the laryngeal inlet, the mask portion [(5)] defining a recess [(54)] extending from the opening [(61)] to the patient end [(3)] of the tubular portion [(1)], [characterised] characterized in that the ratio of the internal diameter of the tubular portion [(1)] cubed to the volume of the recess [(54)] is between 50 and 68.
10. (Amended) An airway according to Claim 9, [characterised] characterized in that the ratio of the internal diameter of the tubular portion [(1)] cubed to the internal volume of the recess is between 50 and 60.

Please add new claim 11 as follows:

11. (Newly Added) An airway according to Claim 2, characterized in that the tubular portion is a separate tube bonded into a collar on the mask portion.

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